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Glenn Ashmore to Retire after 38 years at Analytical Services Lab

LARAMIE - Glenn Ashmore will be retiring concluding a 38 year career as a chemist with the Wyoming Department of Agriculture's Analytical Services Laboratory.

Glenn began his career with the laboratory in 1967 as an analytical chemist. He started with the analysis of water as part of a USGS contract. He also worked in the areas of commercial feed and fertilizer analysis. From the late 60's through the early 80's Glenn was instrumental in the formation and operation of the forensic drug analysis program. This responsibility was later turned over to the State's new Crime Laboratory.

Glenn then turned his attention to the analysis of petroleum products, natural gas, antifreeze materials and a wide variety of materials for pesticide residues. At one time or another, Glenn has performed almost every analysis run in the chemistry section.

In April 1986, Glenn was promoted to supervisor of the chemistry section of the lab, the position he still holds. In this position, Glenn has implemented many of the lab's safety programs and hazard waste disposal procedures. Glenn has been responsible for the development and implementation of many of the organic residue methods we use today in the analysis of dairy products, foods, feeds, soils and water for volatile organic chemicals, haloacetic acids, insecticides, herbicides, antibiotics and much more.

"Glenn has been a great asset to the Department of Agriculture," John Etchepare, Director of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, said. "His knowledge and abilities will truly be missed and we would like to wish him the best of luck."

Glenn will continue to live in Laramie, an area of Wyoming he truly enjoys. He hopes to have more time to get back in touch with his guitar, his model railroading and the shooting sports.

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